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ROBOTICS FOR REHABILITATION

Humans and Machines: issues of a necessary relationship

SYMPOSIUM



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9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



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INTRODUCTION (9:00 AM)

- **Prof.ssa Daniela Puzzo**
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SPEAKERS

Chairmen: Prof. Matteo Cioni, Lab. Neuro-Biomechanics, **Dr. Michela Petrini**, (Press Office, Policlinico)

9:30 AM - Prof. Enrico Palma

Professor adjunct of the Philosophy of Artificial Minds, Department of Humanities, University of Catania

10:30 AM - Prof. Michele Vecchio

Director, UOSD Physical and Rehabilitation AOU Policlinico G. Rodolico, Director, School of Specialization in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine - University of Catania (UniCT)

11:30 AM - Prof. Franco Molteni

Director, Department of Specialist Rehabilitation, Director, Complex Operative Unit for Functional Recovery and Rehabilitation

12:30 PM - Prof. Alberto Esquenazi

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